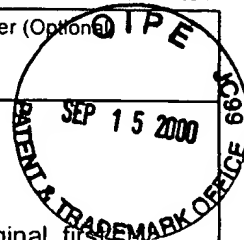


REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE INVENTOR

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in patent number 5,771,248, granted June 23, 1998, and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ERROR

CORRECTION

the specification of which

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I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

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Claim 1 of the original patent essentially provides a double recitation of "recording means...medium" in lines 10-13 and lines 14-16 with the first recitation in lines 10-13 reciting "the recording medium" without antecedent basis therefor and the first recitation has been deleted by the amendment of claim 1 in this reissue application.

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OFFER TO SURRENDER

The inventors offer to surrender the original patent and the written consent of assignee owning an individual interest in the original patent is set forth below, a Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) having been filed in the reissue application on June 22, 2000.

CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE

The assignee owning an individual interest in the original patent No. 5,771,248 is Hitachi, Ltd. and the assignee consents to the reissue application filed June 22, 2000. The undersigned, whose title is supplied below, is empowered to sign this statement on behalf of the assignee.

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